

Introductory Note

On September 17, 2008, Georgia M. Begley (Union Dale, PA) phoned Dr. S. Robert Powell and asked him if he knew about or had access to any interment records for the Elkdale Cemetery, Elkdale, PA.

Dr. Powell said that he had a copy of the records that were prepared, many years ago, by Alice L. Hubbard, Fort McHenry Chapter, N. S. D. A. R., Washington, DC.

Dr. Powell pointed out to Ms. Begley that he had completed a complete inventory of the stones in the Elkdale Cemetery in the period October 9, 1984—June 9, 2002, and that he had discovered that in no less than 50 instances Ms. Hubbard had either missed stones (when she prepared her records) or was unable to read the inscriptions on those 50 stones when she prepared her list.

In addition, Dr. Powell discovered that in no less than 70 instances Ms. Hubbard had misread the inscriptions on existing tombstones in the cemetery.

In a few instances, fortunately, there are notations in Ms. Hubbard's list that were copied by her from stones that are now missing from the Elkdale Cemetery or which are now completely illegible.

Presented hereafter are the two lists, the one prepared by Ms. Hubbard (one copy of Ms. Hubbard's list as she prepared it; one copy of Ms. Hubbard's list with Dr. Powell's annotations and corrections) and the one prepared by Dr. S. Robert Powell.

Sincere thanks to Ms. Georgia M. Begley for serving as the stimulus that resulted in the scanning of these Elkdale Cemetery records for the D. A. R.

A copy of these scanned records (a total of 266 pages) was presented by Dr. Powell, in April 2009, to Ms. Begley for presentation to the North Eastern District Director of the D. A. R. (Ms. Margaret Oliver Venn, R. R. 2, Box 378C, Harvey's Lake, PA 18618).

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